CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	IMG_6135.JPG
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Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	12 January 2015
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	09 January 2015

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the file shows a naked girl, who appears to be an older child or young teenager, tied to a bed with rope constraints. Such images create or reinforce a sexual interest in children or young people and encourage the idea that they are available for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.